

Year in Review 2020

Hepatocellular Carcinoma

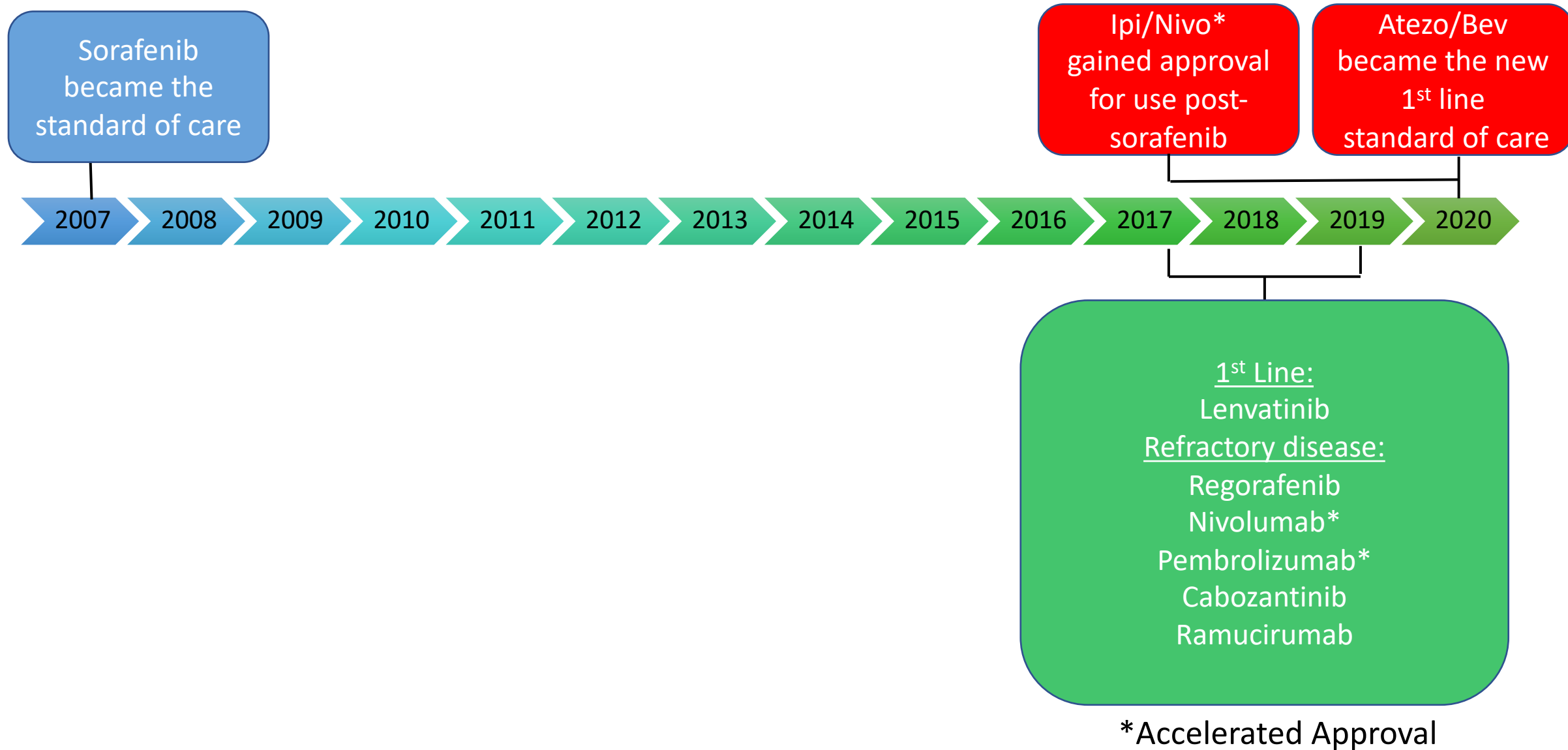
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Agenda

Module – Hepatocellular Carcinoma

1. Atezolizumab/Bevacizumab (IMbrave150)
2. Cabozantinib (CELESTIAL)
3. Pembrolizumab (KEYNOTE-224, KEYNOTE-240),
Ipilimumab/Nivolumab (CheckMate 040)
4. Combination regimens on the horizon

FDA Approved Systemic Therapy for Advanced HCC



Systemic Therapy for Advanced HCC

Atezolizumab/
Bevacizumab

Sorafenib

Lenvatinib

Regorafenib

Ramucirumab

Cabozantinib

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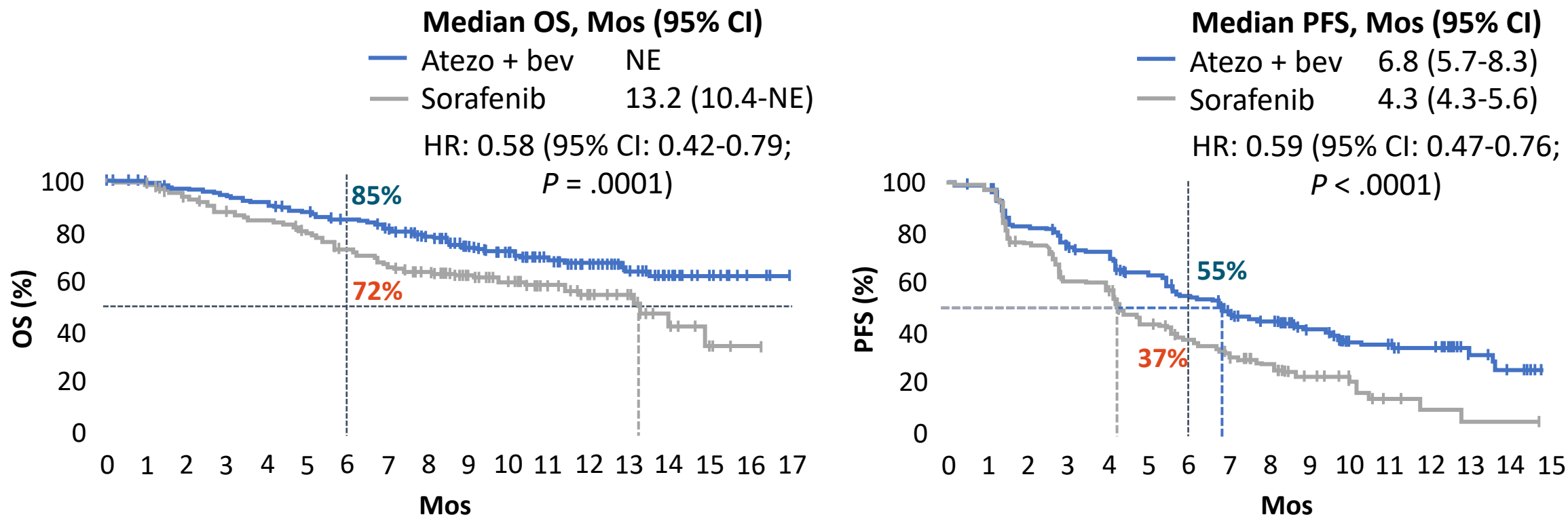
Combination Treatments on the Horizon

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Atezolizumab plus Bevacizumab in Unresectable Hepatocellular Carcinoma

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Michel Ducreux, M.D., Tae-You Kim, M.D., Masatoshi Kudo, M.D.,
Valeriy Breder, M.D., Philippe Merle, M.D., Ahmed O. Kaseb, M.D., Daneng Li, M.D.,
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IMbrave150: Atezo/Bevacizumab vs Sorafenib in Unresectable or Metastatic HCC

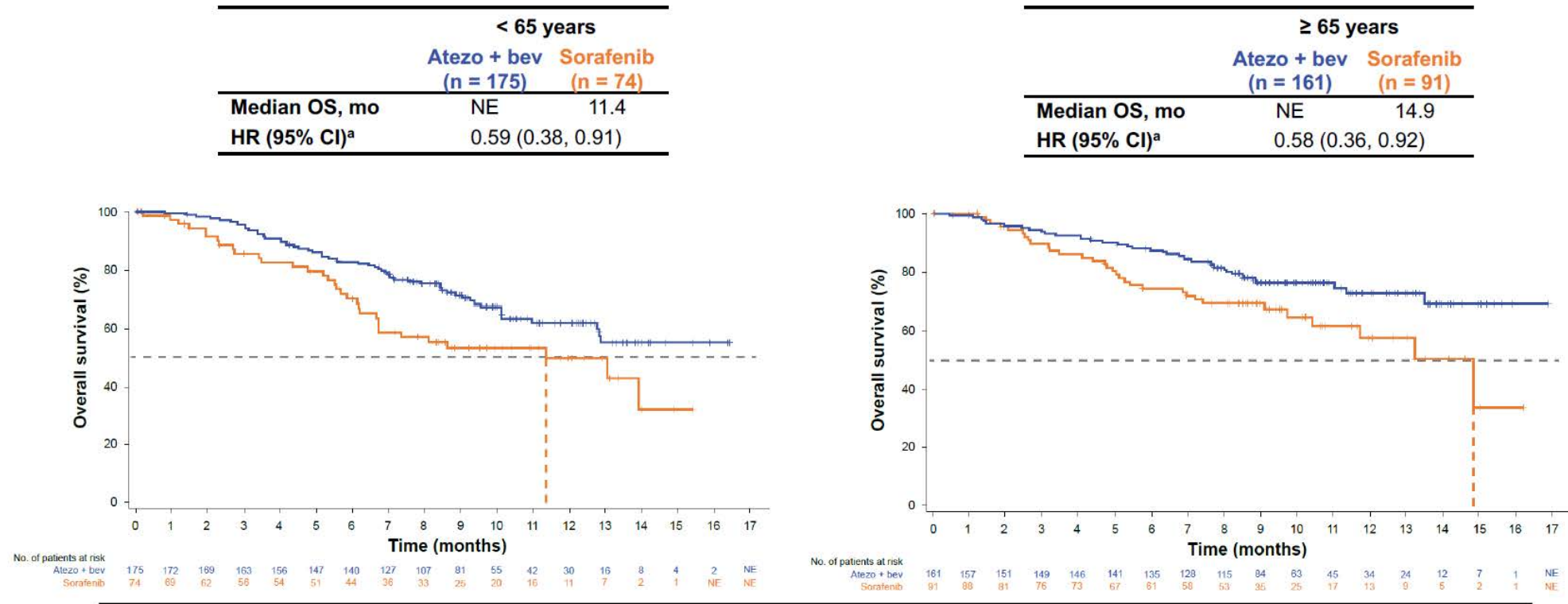


- ORR by modified RECIST with atezo + bev vs sorafenib: 33.2% vs 13.3%; CR rate, 10.2% vs 1.9%

Median follow-up: 8.6 mos.

IMbrave150: Atezo/Bevacizumab vs Sorafenib in Younger vs Older Patients

Overall Survival Curves



Characteristic	< 65 years		≥ 65 years	
	Atezo + bev (n = 175)	Sorafenib (n = 74)	Atezo + bev (n = 161)	Sorafenib (n = 91)
Response-evaluable population, n ^b	171	70	155	89
ORR, n (%)	49 (29)	7 (10)	40 (26)	12 (13)
CR, n (%)	11 (6)	0	7 (5)	0

Conclusions:

Atezolizumab/Bevacizumab for advanced HCC

- Clinical Implications:
 - Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab is a practice-changing regimen that improved PFS and OS for the first line treatment of advanced HCC
 - Atezolizumab + Bevacizumab had similar efficacy and safety for patients <65 yo and ≥ 65 yo
 - Side effects with Atezo+Bev: Hypertension, diarrhea, anorexia, proteinuria
- Future Directions:
 - Better predictive biomarkers are needed
 - Better understanding of subgroups likely to benefit
 - Multiple additional first-line trials to read out in 2021 and 2022

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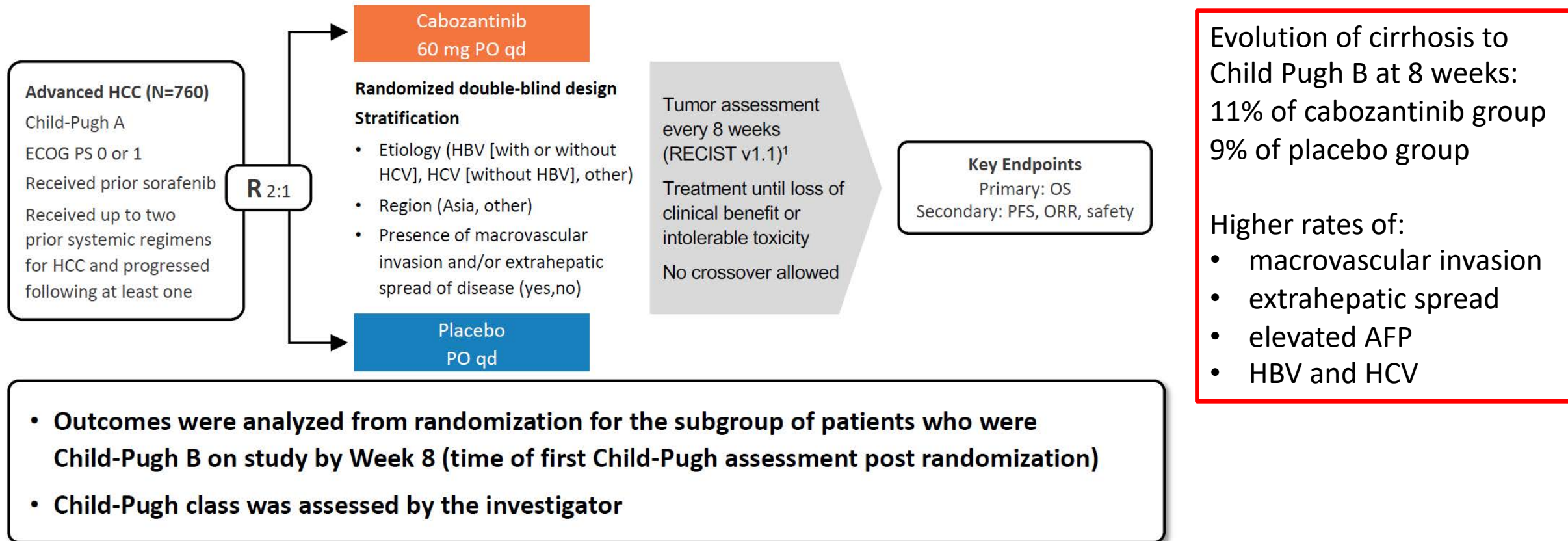
Nivolumab
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Pembrolizumab
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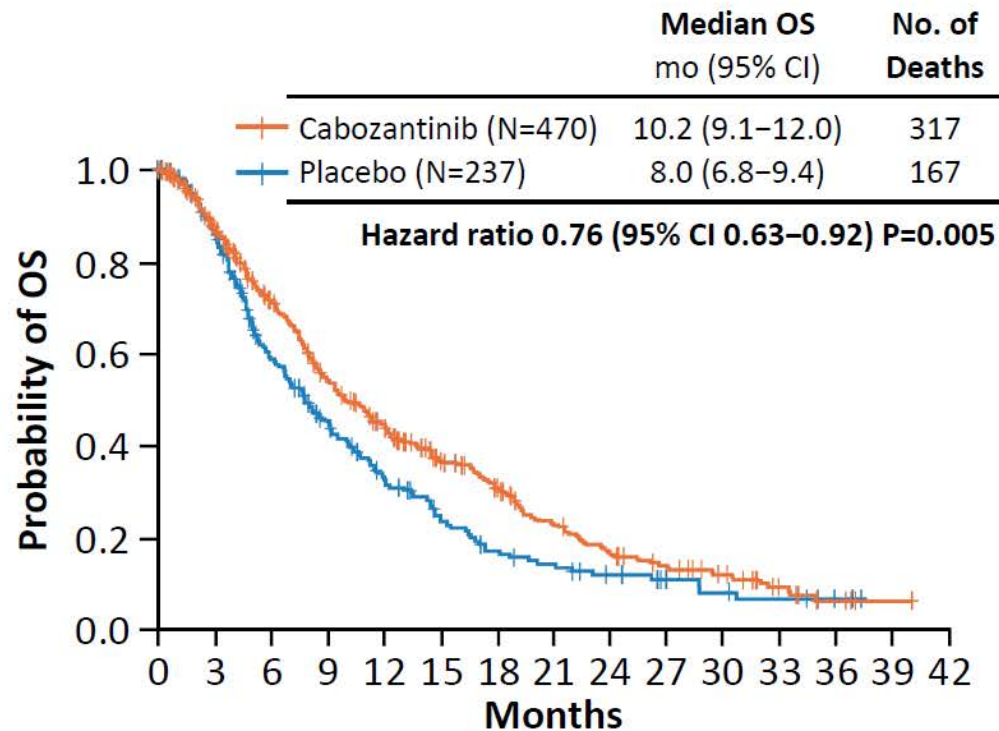
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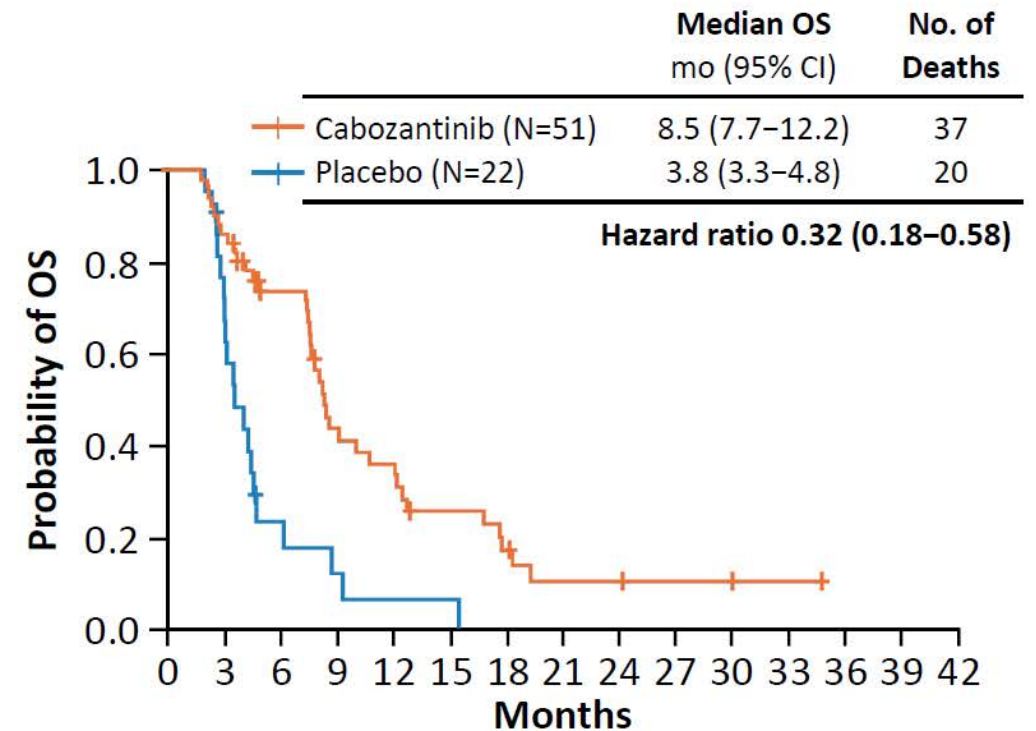


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Overall

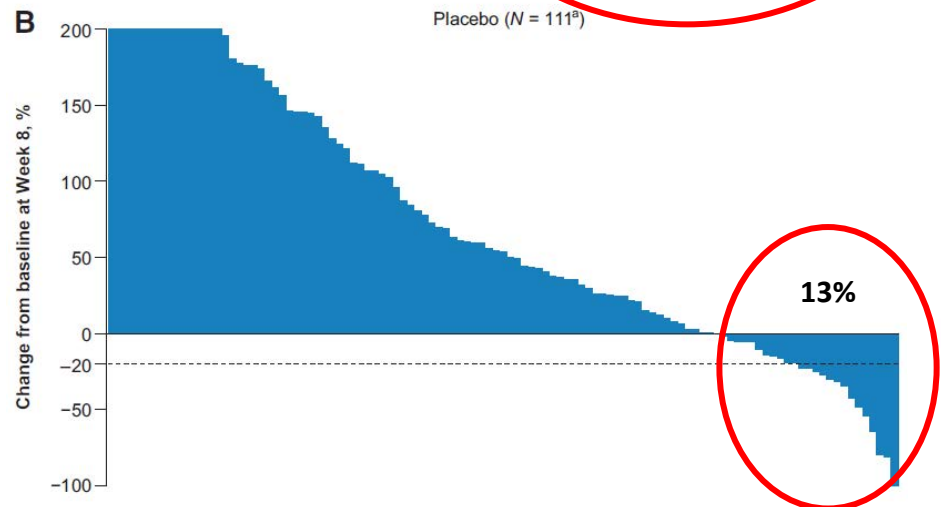
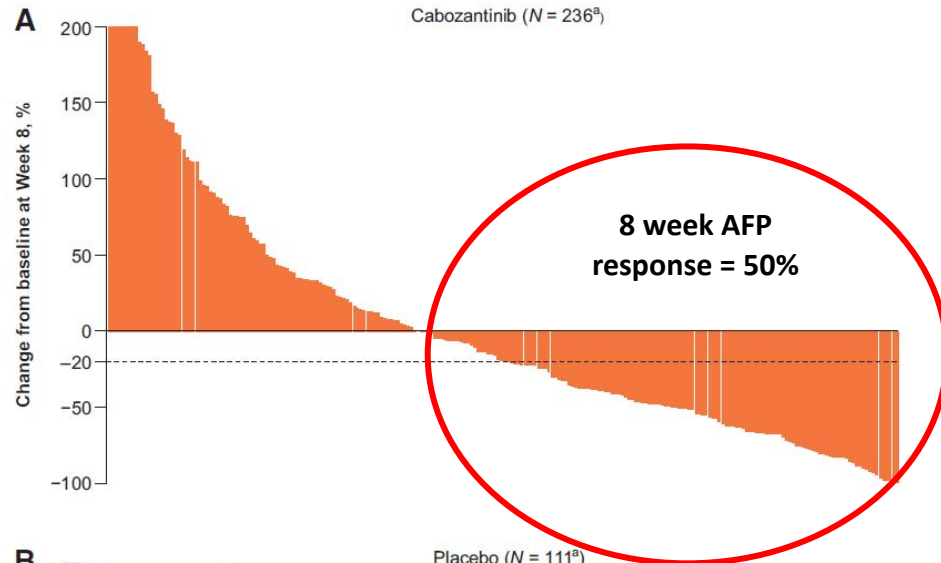


Child-Pugh B Subgroup



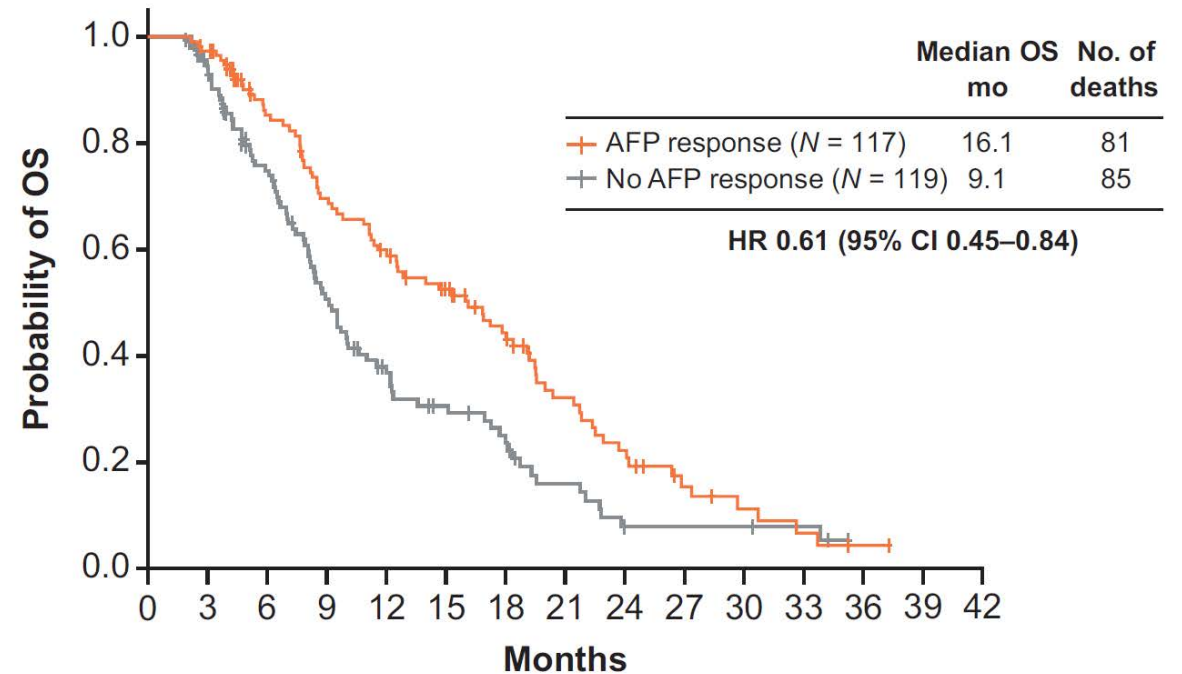
CELESTIAL: Cabozantinib in Advanced HCC

Subgroup analysis by baseline AFP and AFP response



A

Cabozantinib arm
Overall survival



No. at risk

AFP response	117	113	88	71	60	48	37	23	15	8	5	3	1
No AFP response	119	105	76	49	31	23	18	10	5	4	4	3	0

Conclusions from exploratory subgroup analyses from the Phase III trial of Cabozantinib in HCC

- Clinical Implications:
 - Patients with liver function deterioration to Child Pugh B status at 8 weeks appeared to still derive OS benefit from cabozantinib
 - Patients with an AFP ≥ 400 ng appear to derive an OS benefit from cabozantinib
 - Patients with an AFP response of $\geq 20\%$ at 8 weeks appear to derive more OS benefit from cabozantinib compared to the patients with no AFP response
- Future Directions:
 - Further studies are warranted in Child-Pugh B patients with HCC, a population with considerable unmet need
 - Additional predictive biomarkers are needed
 - Cabozantinib/IO combination trial results are awaited

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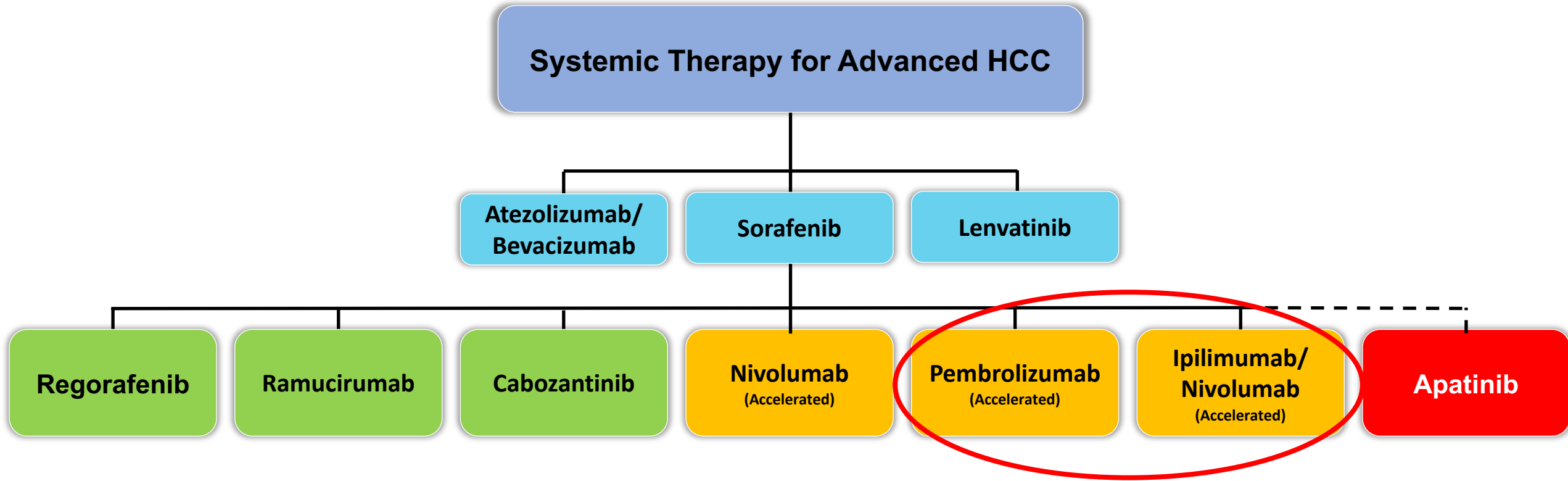
Cabozantinib

Nivolumab
(Accelerated)

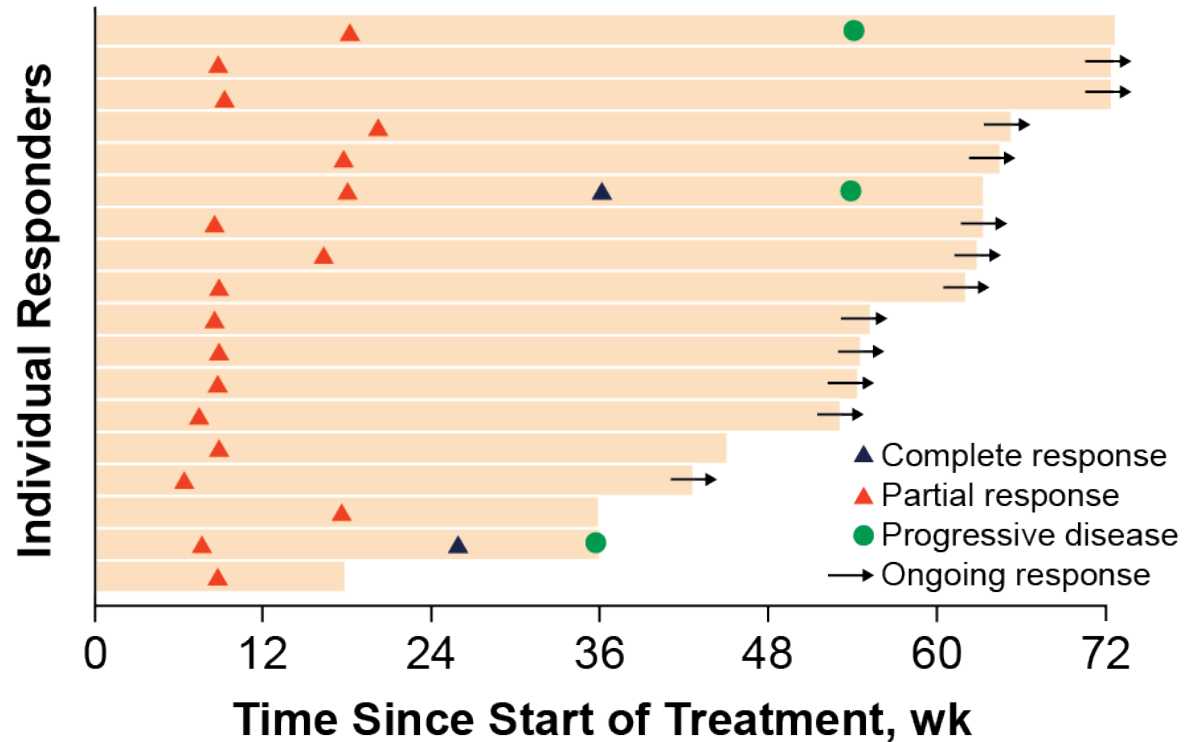
Pembrolizumab
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Ipilimumab/
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KEYNOTE-224: Phase II study of Pembrolizumab in advanced HCC



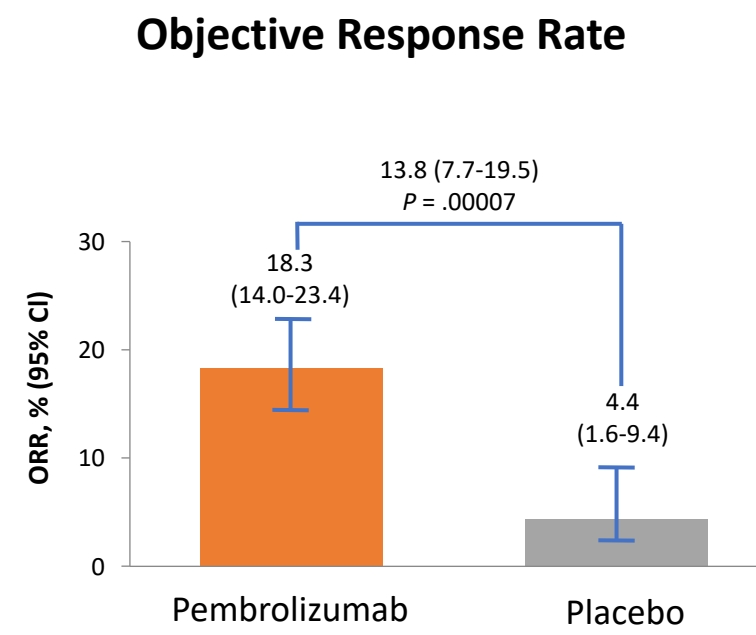
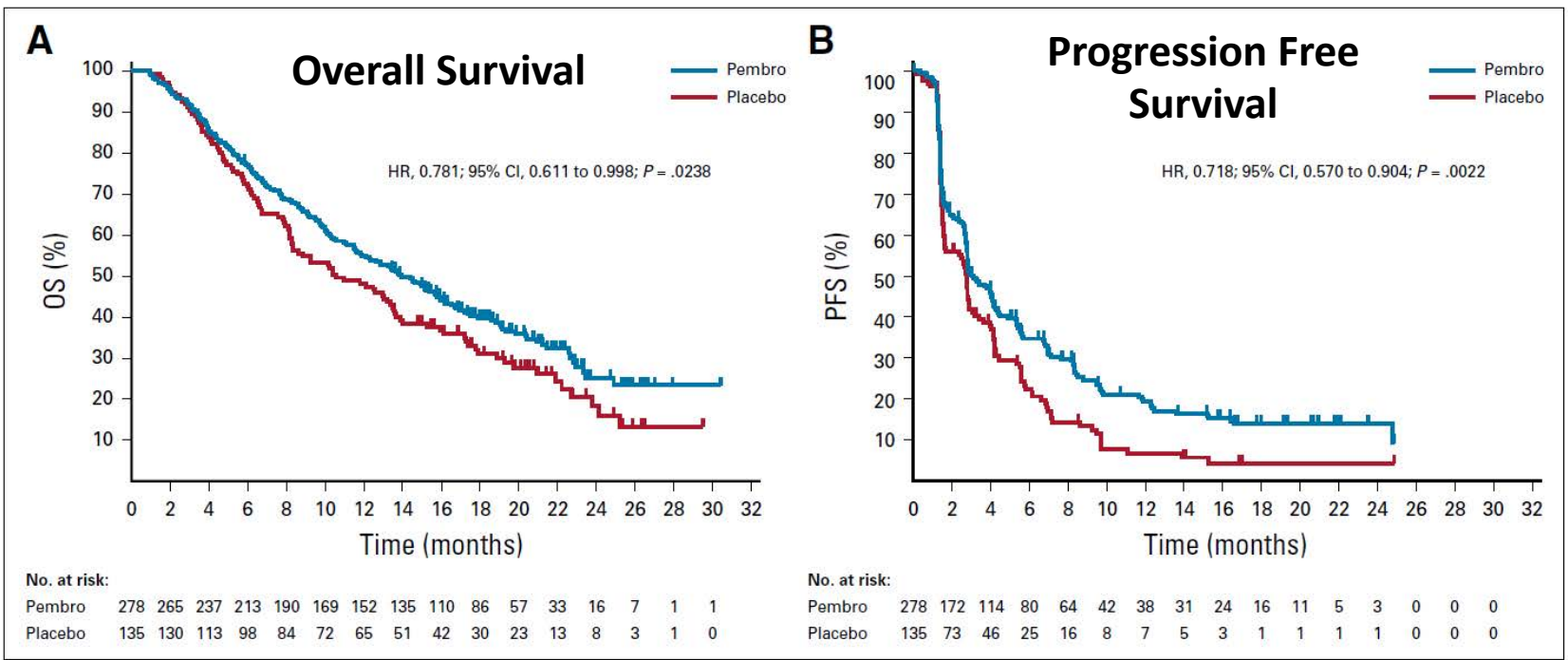
Median DOR not reached
Objective response: 17%

- Updated data for KEYNOTE-224:
1. ORR improved from 17.3% to 18.3%
 2. Duration of response \geq 12 months improved from 61.4% to 77.0%
 3. Complete response rate improved from 1.0% to 3.8%
 4. Safety profile of pembrolizumab not significantly changed

Zhu AX et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2018;19:940-952.

Kudo, et al, *GI ASCO* 2020

KEYNOTE-240: Phase III study of Pembrolizumab vs Placebo in Advanced HCC



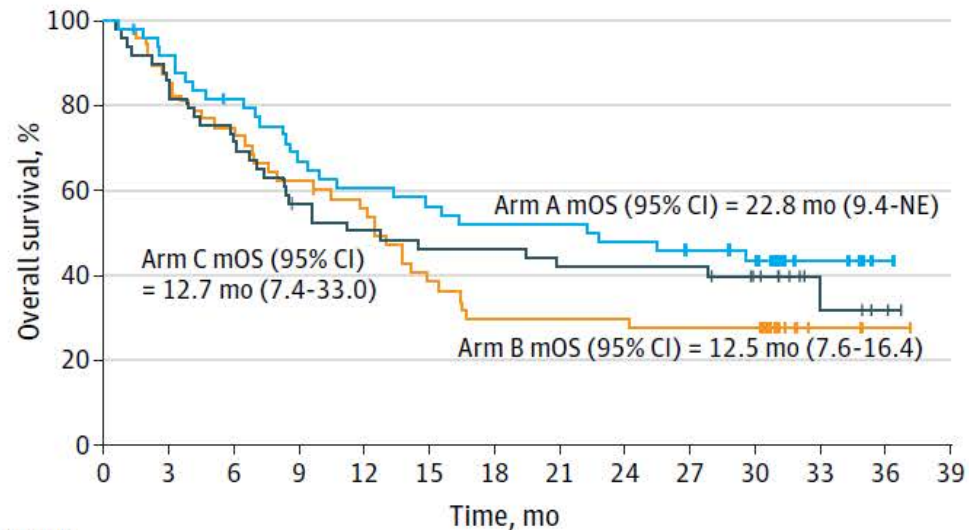
Pembrolizumab reduced the risk of death by 22% and improved PFS over placebo
“These differences did not meet significance per the prespecified statistical plan”

Favorable risk-to-benefit ratio for pembrolizumab

CheckMate 040: Ipilimumab and Nivolumab in advanced HCC after sorafenib

Nivolumab 1 mg/kg + ipilimumab 3 mg/kg every 3 weeks for four doses, followed by nivolumab 240 mg alone every 2 weeks

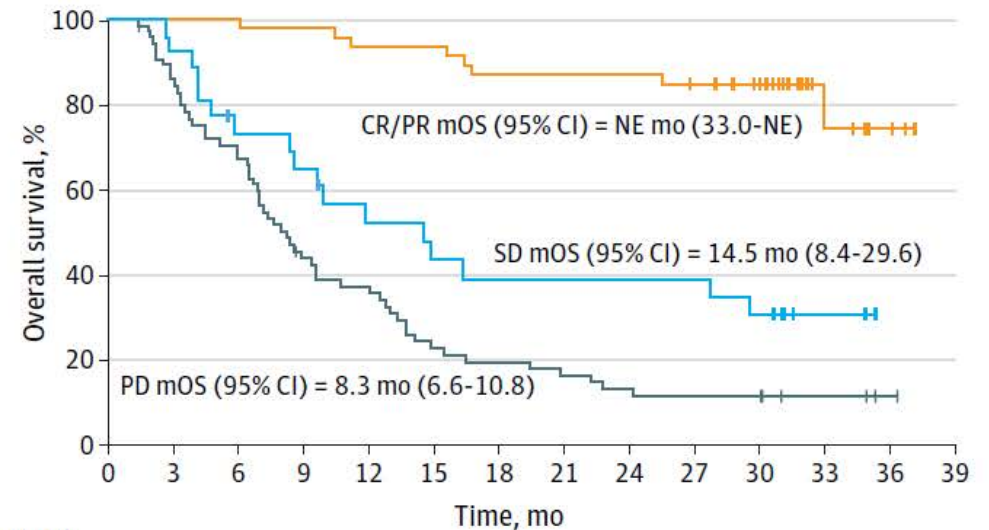
A All participants



No. at risk
(censored)

Arm A	50	45	39	32	29	27	25	25	23	21	19	7	2	0
	(0)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(16)	(21)	(23)
Arm B	49	41	36	30	26	18	14	14	14	13	13	2	1	0
	(0)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(13)	(14)	(15)
Arm C	49	42	36	27	24	22	22	20	20	20	15	4	2	0
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(5)	(15)	(17)	(19)

B Participants with CR/PR, SD, and PD



No. at risk
(censored)^a

CR/PR	46	46	46	45	43	43	40	40	40	38	33	7	3	0
	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1)	(6)	(31)	(35)	(38)
SD ^b	26	24	18	16	12	10	9	9	9	9	7	2	0	0
	(0)	(0)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(7)	(9)	(9)
PD	65	55	45	27	23	14	12	10	8	7	7	4	2	0
	(0)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(5)	(7)	(9)

Objective Response Rate 32%

Yao, et al, *JAMA Onc*, 2020

Conclusions:

Immunotherapy in 2nd line treatment of HCC

- Clinical Implications:

- Nivolumab, Pembrolizumab, and Ipilimumab/Nivolumab have accelerated approval for advanced HCC post-sorafenib
- They have response rates of 14-32% and responses are durable

- Future Directions:

- Better predictive biomarkers are needed
- Phase 3 study of pembrolizumab vs placebo as 2nd line therapy for advanced HCC is ongoing in the Asia-Pacific region (KEYNOTE-394)
- Combination therapies of IO may ultimately prove more efficacious than single agent PD-1 inhibitors

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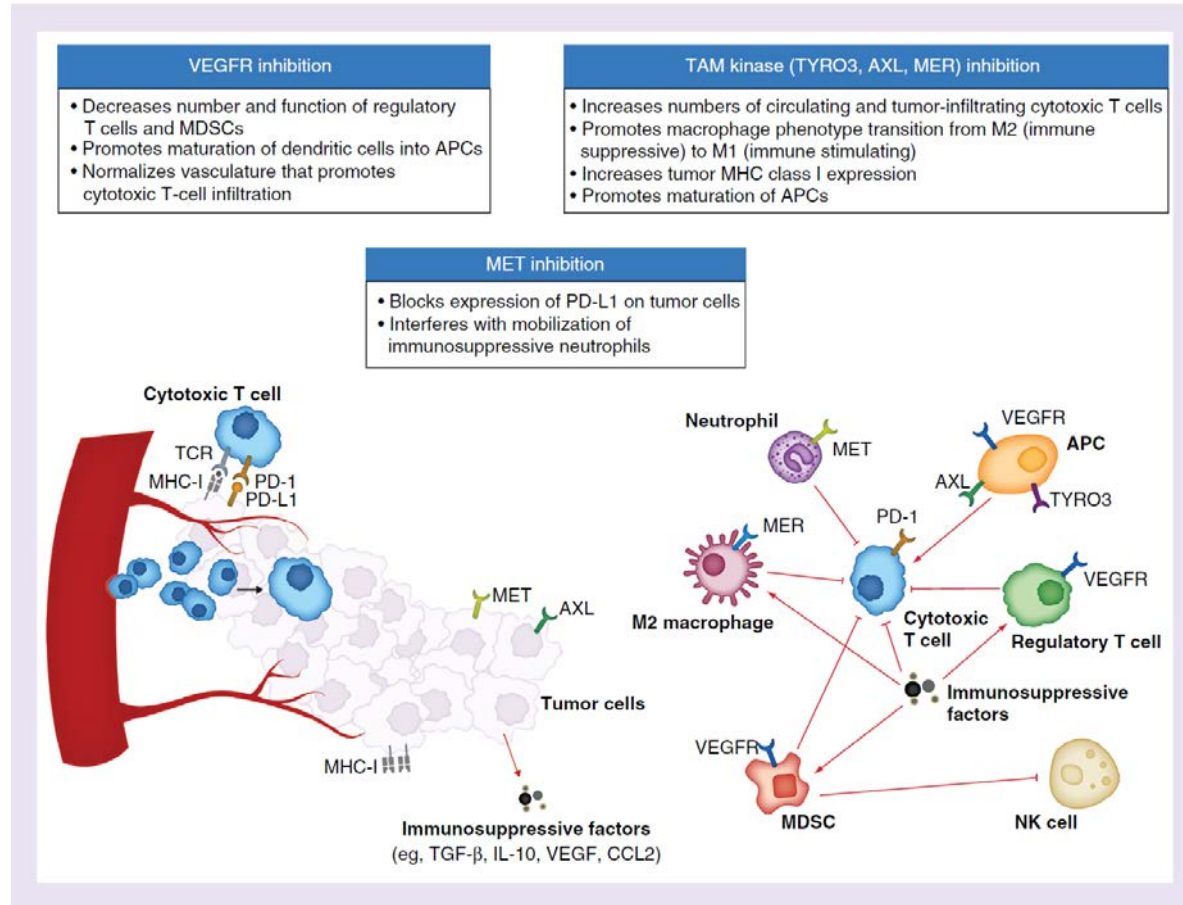
Ipilimumab/
Nivolumab
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Apatinib

Combination Treatments on the Horizon

Rationale for Immunotherapy/TKI combinations

Lenvatinib targets:
VEGFR1-3, FGFR1-4,
PDGFR α , KIT, RET



Cabozantinib targets:
VEGFR1-3, MET, TYRO3,
AXL, MER

Phase Ib Study of Lenvatinib Plus Pembrolizumab in Patients With Unresectable Hepatocellular Carcinoma

N=104 patients

No DLTs in DLT phase

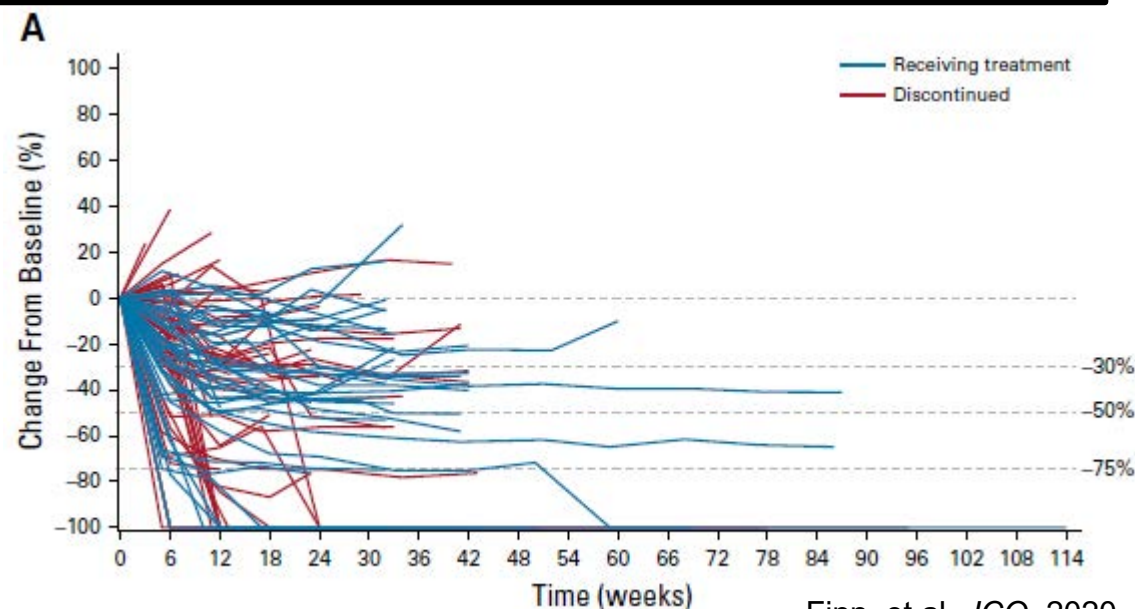
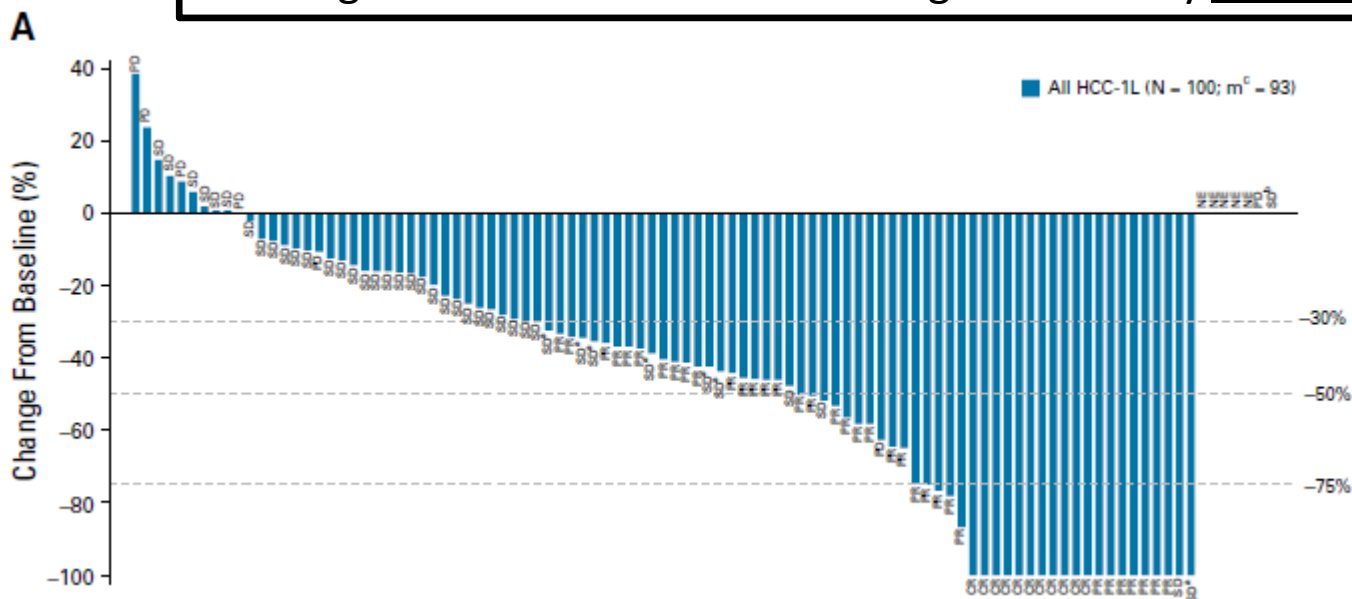
Expansion phase in 1st line unresectable HCC
BCLC B (n=29), BCLC C (n=71)

Median follow-up: 10.6 months

Efficacy Parameter	RECIST v1.1	modified RECIST
ORR	36.0%	46.0%
Median Duration of Response	12.6 months	8.6 months
Median PFS	8.6 months	9.3 months

Median OS: 22 months

% change from Baseline in Sum of Target Lesions by **modified RECIST** (mRECIST) per independent imaging review



Study 117: Phase Ib study of lenvatinib plus nivolumab in patients with unresectable HCC

Figure 1. Design of Phase 1b Study of Lenvatinib Plus Nivolumab in uHCC

Lenvatinib 12 or 8 mg/day (based on body weight) orally once daily + nivolumab 240 mg IV every 2 weeks

Part 1: DLT Evaluation

- n = 6
- Patients for whom no other appropriate therapy was available

Part 2: Expansion

- n = 24
- Patients with no prior systemic therapy for uHCC

Key Eligibility Criteria

- uHCC
- ≥ 1 Measurable target lesion
- BCLC stage B (not applicable for TACE) or C
- Child-Pugh class A
- ECOG performance status 0-1

Primary end points

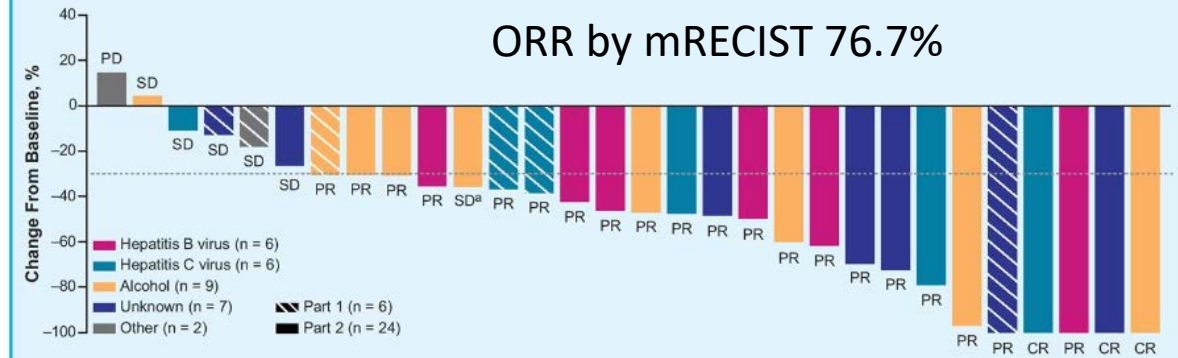
- Tolerability
- Safety of combination

Secondary end points

- ORR (mRECIST by investigator)
- Pharmacokinetic profiles of lenvatinib and nivolumab

BCLC, Barcelona Clinic Liver Cancer; DLT, dose-limiting toxicity; ECOG, Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group; IV, intravenously; mRECIST, modified Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors; ORR, objective response rate; TACE, transarterial chemoembolization; uHCC, unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma.

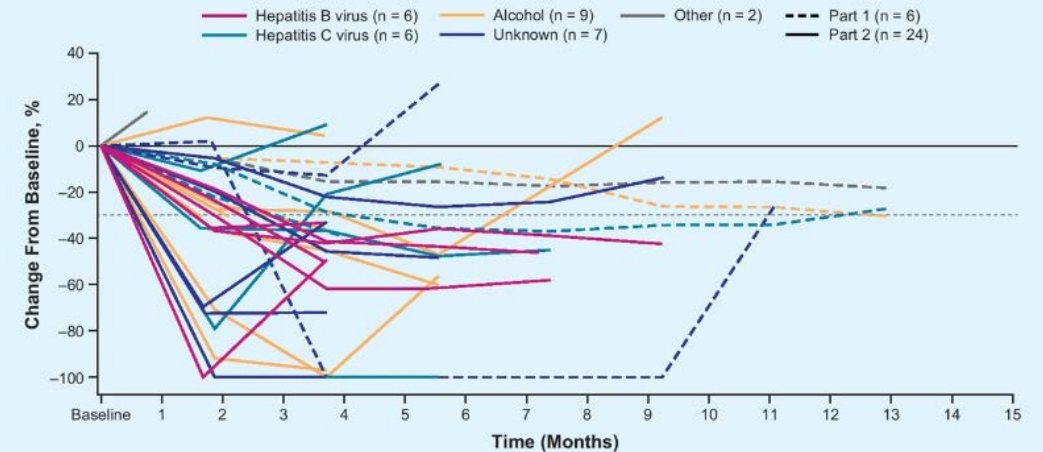
Figure 2. Percentage Changes From Baseline in Sums of Tumor Diameters by Investigator Assessment (mRECIST) Following Treatment With Lenvatinib Plus Nivolumab



*Patient experienced a 35% tumor shrinkage at the target lesion, but a nontarget lesion progressed at the same time. CR, complete response; mRECIST, modified Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors; PD, progressive disease; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

• Tumor reductions appeared durable for most patients (Figure 3 and Figure 4).

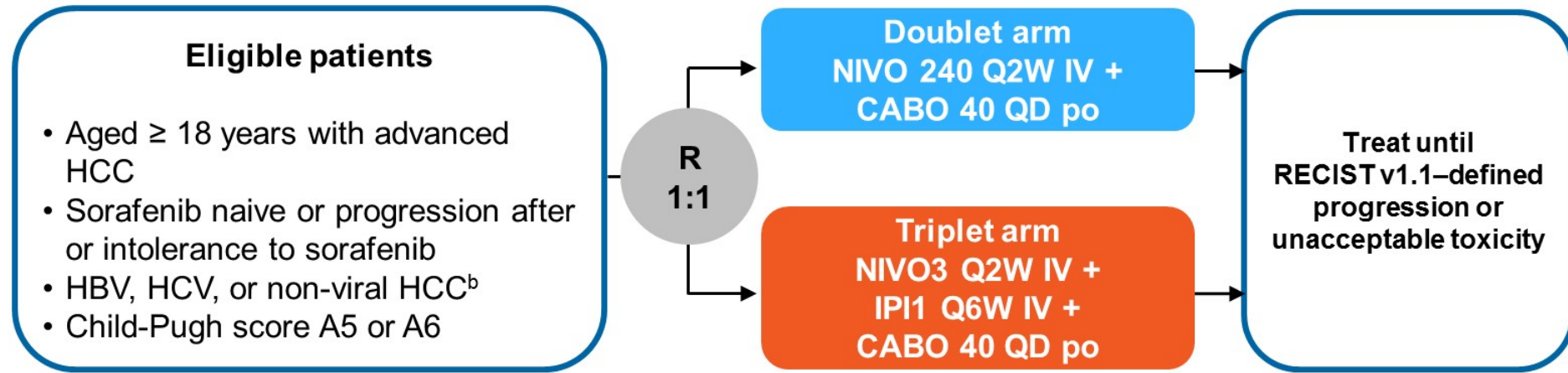
Figure 3. Percentage Change From Baseline in Sums of Diameters of Target Lesions Over Time by Investigator Assessment (mRECIST) Following Treatment With Lenvatinib Plus Nivolumab



mRECIST, modified Response Evaluation Criteria In Solid Tumors.

CheckMate 040 Study Design^a

Cabozantinib Cohort



Primary endpoints

Safety and tolerability
ORR by investigator assessment

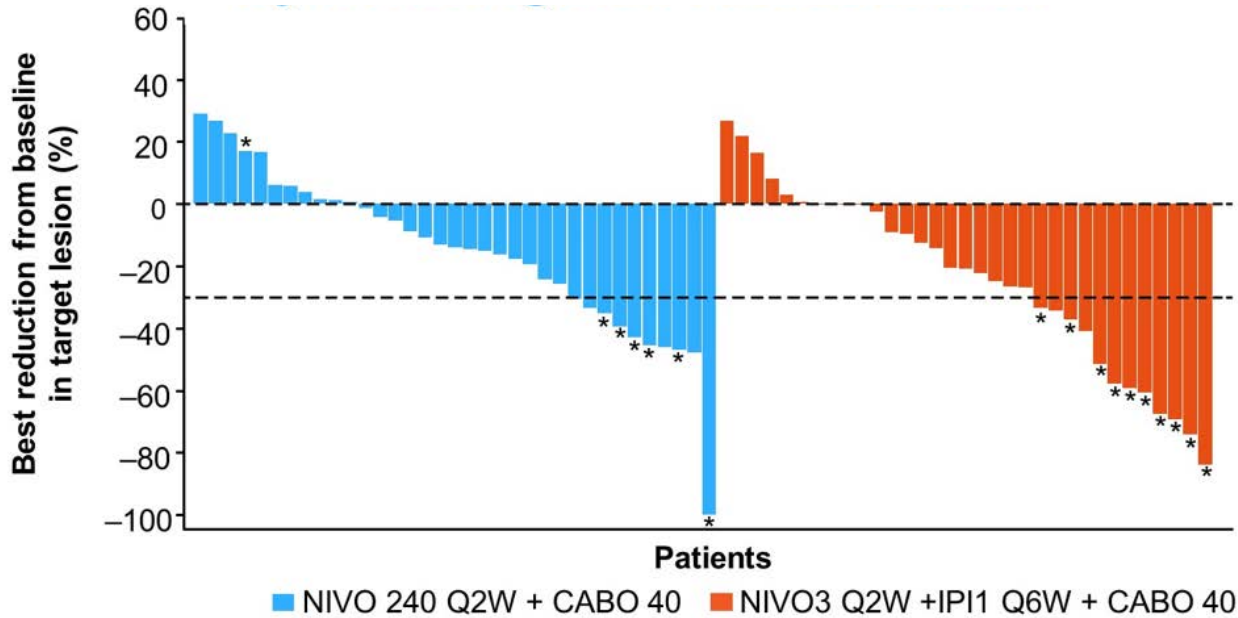
Secondary endpoints^c

DCR, DOR, TTR, TTP, PFS, OS

Database lock: September 2019

^aClinicalTrials.gov, NCT01658878; ^bCo-infection with HBV and HCV was an exclusion criterion; ^cEfficacy outcomes were evaluated by both investigator assessment and BICR. BICR, blinded independent central review; CABO 40, cabozantinib 40 mg; DCR, disease control rate; DOR, duration of response; HBV, hepatitis B virus; HCC, hepatocellular carcinoma; HCV, hepatitis C virus; IPI1, ipilimumab 1 mg/kg; IV, intravenous; NIVO 240, nivolumab 240 mg; NIVO3, nivolumab 3 mg/kg; PFS, progression-free survival; po, oral administration; Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q6W, every 6 weeks; QD, once daily; TTP, time to progression; TTR, time to response.

CheckMate 040: Nivo/Cabo vs Nivo/Ipi/Cabo



In the doublet arm, 24 of 35 patients (68.6%) had a decrease in target lesion

In the triplet arm, 23 of 33 patients (69.7%) had a decrease in target lesion

No. at risk

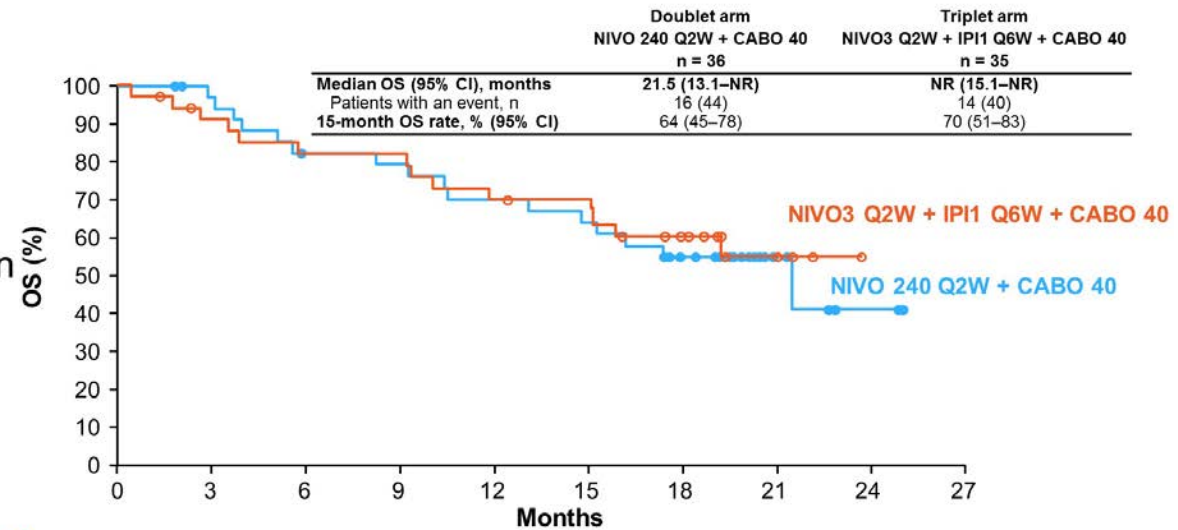
NIVO 240 + CABO 40

NIVO3 + IPI1 + CABO 40

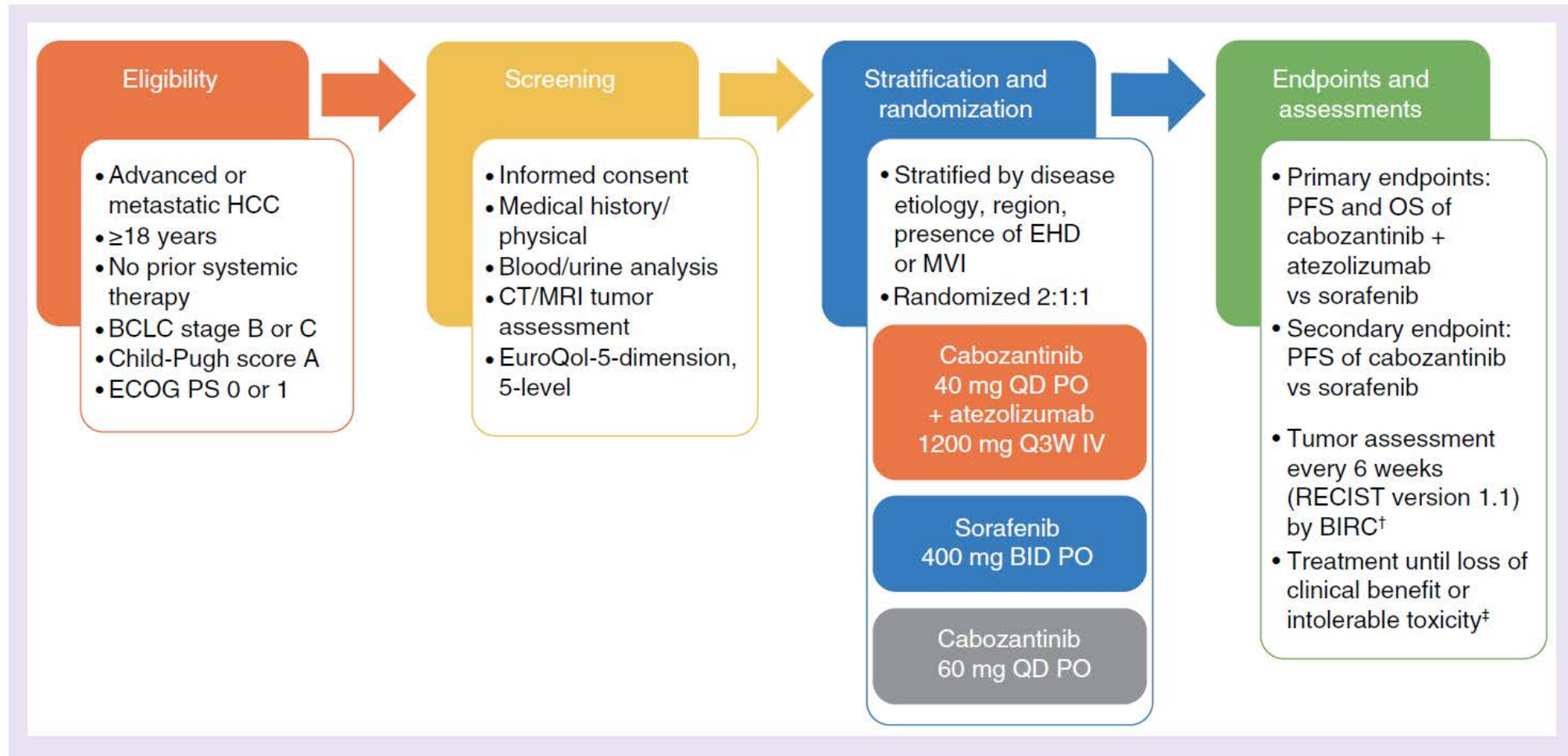
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NR, not reached.

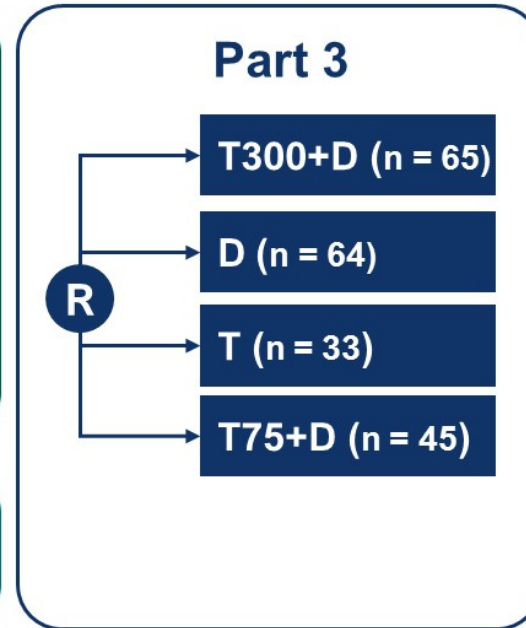
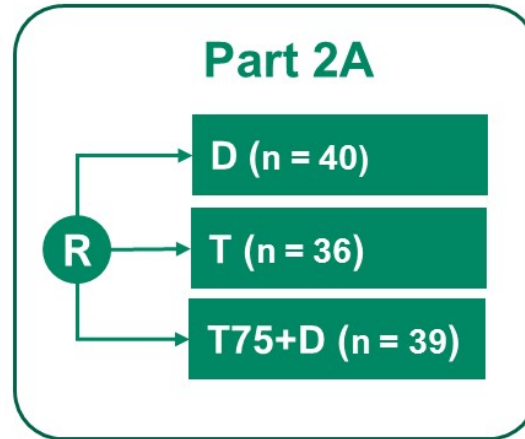
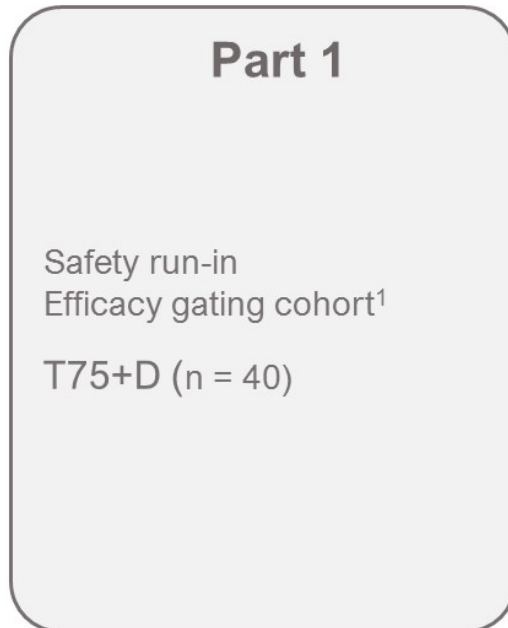
Overall Survival



COSMIC-312: Cabozantinib/Atezolizumab vs sorafenib in treatment-naive advanced HCC



Study 22: Tremelimumab (T) in Combination with Durvalumab (D) for Advanced HCC



Key Milestones

FSI Part 2A February 2017
FSI Part 2B October 2017

Key Milestones

FSI Part 3 February 2018
LSI Part 3 April 2019

Treatments and Regimens

T300+D tremelimumab 300 mg × 1 dose + durvalumab 1500 mg Q4W
D durvalumab 1500 mg Q4W
T tremelimumab monotherapy 750 mg Q4W × 7 doses, Q12W thereafter
T75+D tremelimumab 75 mg × 4 doses + durvalumab 1500 mg Q4W

Key Eligibility

- Unresectable HCC with fresh or archival tumor biopsy sample available
- Progressed on, intolerant to, or refused prior sorafenib
- Child Pugh A liver function

Objectives and Assessments

Primary Endpoint: Safety

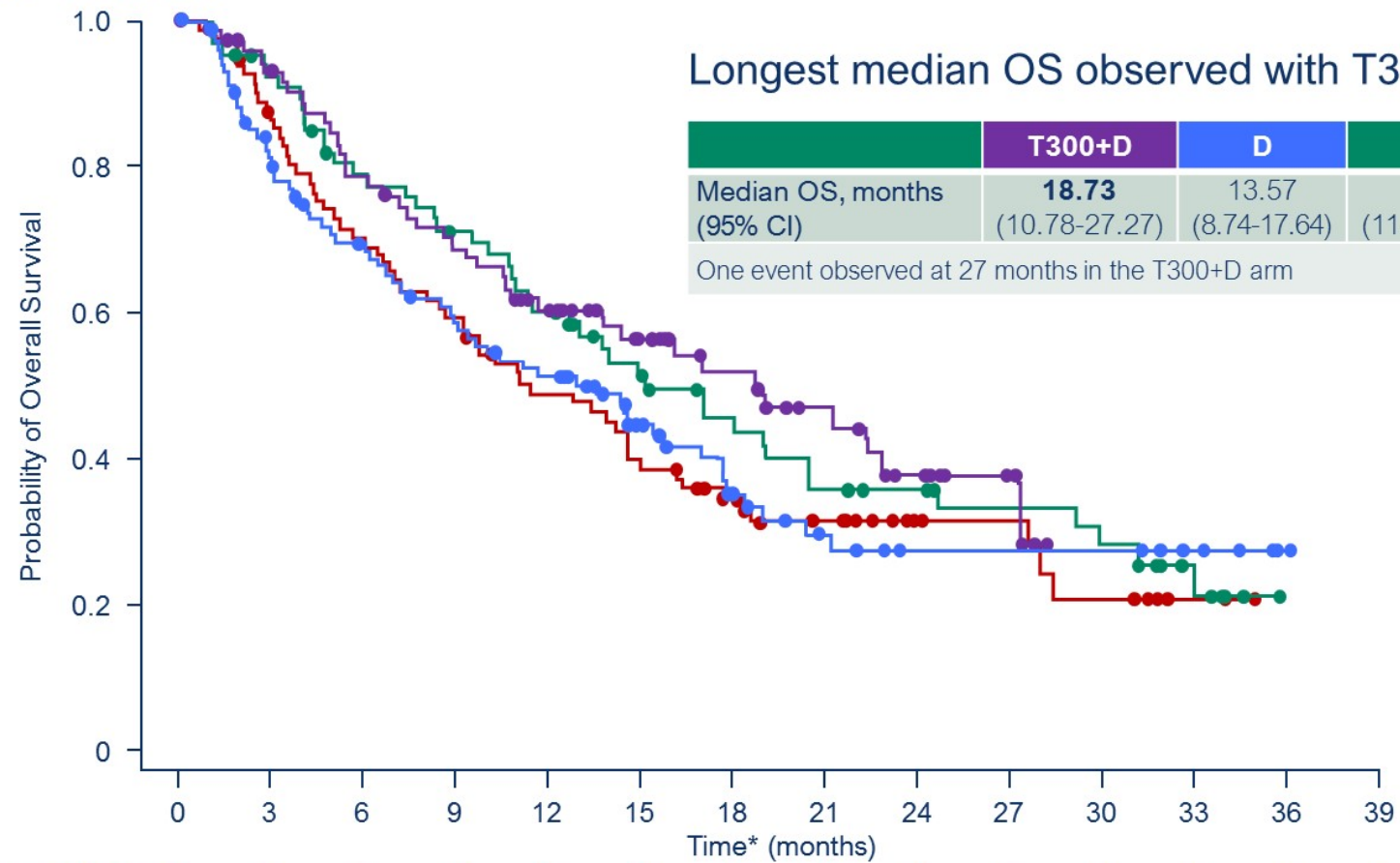
Key Secondary Endpoints

- Overall survival
- Objective response rate
- Duration of response

Key Assessments

- Multiphase imaging Q8 weeks
- Circulating immune cells
- PD-L1 status (Ventana SP263)

Study 22: Overall Survival



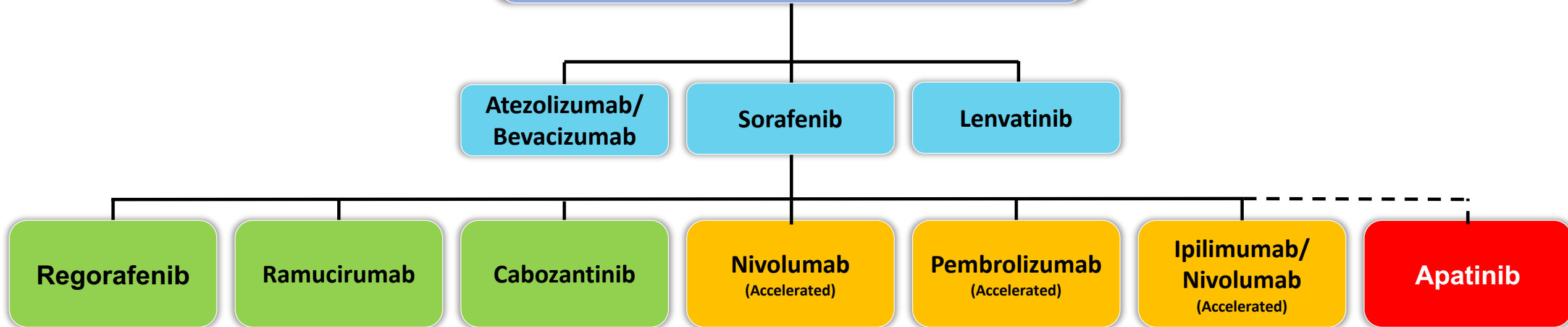
Number of patients at risk	T300+D	75	67	56	48	39	30	22	16	10	5	0	0	0	0
D	104	78	65	54	46	31	20	14	8	8	8	8	5	1	0
T	69	62	51	45	38	29	23	18	16	13	11	5	0	0	0
T75+D	84	69	56	48	38	30	23	17	10	9	6	2	0	0	0

Conclusions:

Combination Systemic Therapy for HCC

- Clinical Implications:
 - Multiple combination regimens are showing promise in patients with advanced HCC
 - Responses observed regardless of PD-L1 or viral status
 - Rates of hepatotoxicity do not appear to be significantly higher than in other cancers
- Future Directions:
 - Results of these trials have led to multiple ongoing Phase III trials, and results are awaited
 - Better predictive biomarkers are needed
 - Better understanding priming of the immune system may impact clinical trial design and improve outcomes
 - Moving these strategies to the neoadjuvant setting and in combination with local therapies may provide benefit to patients with earlier stage disease

Systemic Therapy for Advanced HCC



- Multiple new treatments on the horizon which are likely to expand options and raise questions about which to choose and how to sequence
- Predictive biomarkers are urgently needed to better match patients to drugs that will benefit them
- Multiple new trials combining liver directed therapy with systemic therapy could change the treatment paradigm for BCLC stage B and C HCC